

THE HONORABLE RICHARD A. JONES

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

BLACK LIVES MATTER SEATTLE-
KING COUNTY, ABIE EKENEZAR,
SHARON SAKAMOTO, MURACO
KYASHNA-TOCHA, ALEXANDER
WOLDEAB, NATHALIE GRAHAM,
AND ALEXANDRA CHEN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF SEATTLE,

Defendant.

No. 2:20-cv-00887-RAJ

DECLARATION OF TYLER SILL IN
SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

I, Tyler Thomas Sill, declare and state as follows:

1. The information contained in this declaration is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am of majority age and competent to testify about the matters set forth herein.

2. I have lived in Seattle for all 26 years of my life.

3. I have spent hundreds of hours protesting police brutality in Seattle since the murder of George Floyd and have attended multiple marches. On July 25, 2020, the Seattle Police Department ("SPD") unleashed the worst use of force I have seen since the initial demonstrations in May 2020. SPD recklessly and indiscriminately deployed canisters of chemical irritants and projectiles at protesters.

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1 4. I arrived at a rally to stand in solidarity with protesters in Portland shortly before
2 the group began marching.

3 5. The march was very large. I would say it was one of the top three largest days of
4 protests I have been involved in in Seattle since the killing of George Floyd.

5 6. It was also generally peaceful.

6 7. I was in roughly the middle of the crowd as we marched. When approximately
7 forty percent of the protestors had passed the East Precinct, I heard large bangs, and chaos
8 ensued. Shortly thereafter, officers in riot gear deployed onto the streets.

9 8. I did not hear a dispersal order and had not received any order or directive from
10 any SPD officer.

11 9. Amidst the chaos, I saw police officers shoot rubber bullet rounds at protesters.
12 Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and correct copy of a picture of a rubber bullet that I picked up
13 from the protest location.

14 10. I saw blast balls explode indiscriminately in the crowd of protesters, exploding
15 shrapnel throughout the protest.

16 11. There were large clouds of chemical irritants that made my eyes and skin burn. At
17 times it was hard to see through the clouds.

18 12. Something—I believe it was a blast ball—exploded so close to me that it injured
19 my leg in two places through my pants. The larger injury is on the outside of my right leg on my
20 thigh directly above the knee. The smaller one, which looks more like a faded bruise, is on the
21 inside of my right shin. Attached as **Exhibits B through H** are true and correct copies of pictures
22 that I took of my injuries.

23 13. At the time I was injured, I was merely standing in the street, at least 50 feet away
24 from any police officer.
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16. The next day, my thigh still hurts. The injury has affected my gait and the way I sit.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.


By: 
 TYLER THOMAS SILL

EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B



EXHIBIT C



EXHIBIT D



EXHIBIT E



EXHIBIT F



EXHIBIT G



EXHIBIT H

